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1. BELIEVE QUESTION RAISED REFTEL (A) REGARDING COSTA RICA'S
STATUS AS MEMBER OF CORE GROUP OF COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION ON KOREA RESULTS FROM FACT THAT CORE GROUP AND WORK-
ING GROUP FOR PROCEDURAL TACTICS (WG) WERE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IN
COMPOSITION, YET TERMS SOMETIMES USED INTERCHANGEABLY.

2. IN JUNE 1975, CORE GROUP INCLUDED ORIGINAL COSPONSORS: US,
CANADA, COSTA RICA, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN, AND
UK, PLUS ROK. LATER, FRANCE AND FRG JOINED (PARA 7C REF C)
CORE GROUP.

3. IN AUGUST 1975, WG CAME INTO BEING (REF D). AT FIRST MEETING,
THIS INCLUDED US, CANADA, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, UK,
AND ROK. FRANCE JOINED WG AFTER BECOMING COSPONSOR. HOWEVER, WG
FREQUENTLY INCLUDED COSTA RICA IN ITS MEETINGS (E.G.
AS REPORTED REF E). PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR COSTA RICA'S
NONINCLUSION AS REGULAR MEMBER IN WG WERE VERY HEAVY
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ACROSS-THE-BOARD DEMANDS ON TIME OF COSTA RICA'S ABLE,

WORKING-LEVEL, KOREAN EXPERT BERNAL VARGAS-SABORIO.

4. COSTA RICA WAS HIGHLY IMPORTANT MEMBER OF CORE GROUP
AND ONE WHICH DID MUCH ENERGETIC AND VALUABLE LOBBYING
PARTICULARLY WITH ARA COUNTRIES.

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